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#### The Unrest of Man.

Strikes, boycotts and riots have their moral as well as economical aspect. To the philosophical mind they suggest that much of the trouble to which man is born is not external, but arises from within. Men with full stomachs, in good homes, with healthy families, supplied with abundant clothing, the means of education and of religious teaching, should be con tented if not happy. They often have neither contentment nor happiness.

there is in the distance a mirage revealing a beautiful oasis, with palm-trees and pools of running water, beside which he longs to sit and cool his parched lips. The things which he has he hates, because of those other things which he would enjoy. Others have wealth, and why not I? | ing. Others enjoy ease, the refinement of cultivated homes, the pleasures of bright and enlightened society, and why not I? Friends have homes in which no sickness has come, while I struggle to cast off the plague of sorrows which come down like the night. Fame is given to some, while I have obscurity; honors, applause, station are the fortune of many, to me there is only a sense of shame, neglect and forgetfulness.

It is generally useless to teach that this unrest belongs to all—the king upon his throne as well as the peasant in his hovel. Ambition has its root not intellectua unlrest, not in want. The millionaires strive for wealth, honors, fame, with the same feverish anxiety with the poor farm hand whose income is his food and cloth-

Jealousy, envy, ambition, love for gold, each does its work faithfully in the human heart, whatever its condition, wherever its place.

For this unrest, there is but one cure

Never while the candle of life shall continue to burn, can entire satisfaction be found upon earth, and the end to the hardest-worker, the most successful is only death. There is but one satisfaction upon earth, that he who has toiled to the top of the hill, may enjoy one moment of delight as he swiftly rides to its foot. To make money and to spend it, to make a reputation and to feel the sharp arrows of envy and malice, to labor for good and have it accounted evil, that is life.

The unrest of man, aside from that which has its root in injustice, is due to a wrong purpose, the living for self, for enjoyment, for this world, when all nature teaches that here we have sorrow, groans, tears, many labors, sore trials, and grievous dissapointments. In the bitter strife now going on between labor and capital, it is well to consider this moral side of the matter, lest some think that all the evils of life are in law, in society, in the wickedness of their fellowmen and not in their own hearts.

Does this seem like giving to him that asks bread a stone? Perhaps; but those who seek their own advantage through unlawful means-through blood, through strife, through destruction of others, property, may well question whether it is wise to slake their thirst at such a fountain. Moral causes gain their ascendency through persistent agitation; but hideous crimes follow unreasonable demands.

To employer and laborer alike, there comes a voice from above,-Peace, Peace, let us have peace. Agitation, arbitration, are peaceful, not bloody.

## Laverty Convicted.

The Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment rendered their verdict on Wednesday evening, finding the accused prison keeper guilty of two of the offenses with which he stands charged. The law requires a two-thirds vote to secure a conviction, and this was just the number obtained. The thirteen Republican Senators, together with Mr. Vanderbilt of Mercer, voted against Laverty, while the remaining seven Democratic Senators voted in his favor. It will be regretted

that this vote may seem to indicate a partisan feeling in the matter but if such a view is taken it reflects chiefly upon the Democratic Senators.

The testimony was direct and positive and was sworn to by a number of witnesses. It is impossible to believe Laverty innocent unless you pronounce all the witnesses for the State perjurers. Of course there are few presumptions in favor of the credibility of convicts, but the law always makes them competent and admissible witnesses and leaves the Court and Jury free to determine how much

weight shall be given to their. testimony. Laverty has been a disgrace to the State for a long time and prisoners as well as the public are well rid of him.

Governor Abbett has nominated John H. Patterson, of Monmouth county to be the head keeper of the state prison, and the Senate has promptly and unanimously confirmed the appointment. This speaks well for the character of Mr. Patterson for Senators who have just voted to turn Laverty out would be careful whom they confirmed as his successor.

The Senate has now adjourned until June. The nomination of Mr. Connolly as a member of the State Board of Assessors was not acted upon.

The strikers have not made much headway in their war upon the industry of the country during the past week. Many men are still out of work and business and trade have been seriously affected, but the laboring people are the worst sufferers. They cannot live except as the result of daily toil and in a prolonged contest they must inevitably go

If there had been any just provocation for the strike, or if the strikers had be haved in a peaceable and orderly manner they would have received much sympa thy, but it now is clearly seen that the To every man not filled with despair, laborers are acting like "dumb driven cattle" and that one or two men for their own selfish ends are allowed to order thousands upon thousands of honest mechanics, who have no grievances, to throw down their tools and implements and become vagrants for the time be-

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